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Other spring wheat production is forecast at 56.1 million bushels, down 6 percent from 1999. The yield, at 33 bushels per acre, is 2 bushels below last year. Harvested acres, at 1.70 million, are down 1 percent from last year.

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